



VALUATION POLICY

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The County of San Luis Obispo only considers the work covered under the California Building Codes to be included in the permit valuation. Items that are exempt from permits are not included in our valuation.

Excerpt from California Building Code, Section 109.3 **Building Permit Valuations:**

The applicant for a permit shall provide an estimated permit value at time of application.

Permit **valuations** shall include total value of work, including materials and labor, for which the permit is being issued, such as electrical, gas, mechanical, plumbing equipment and permanent systems. If, in the opinion of the building official, the valuation is underestimated on the application, the permit shall be denied, unless the applicant can show detailed estimates to meet the approval of the building official. Final building permit valuation shall be set by the building official.

The following items are listed in the County Title 19 Construction Ordinance as exempt from permit and valuation:

- Painting
- Papering
- Tiling
- Carpeting
- Cabinets
- Counter tops and similar finish work.

The County **does not** include the costs of the above finishes in its valuation. Only the permitted building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work covered by the permit is considered in the estimated permit value.